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In re the Application of

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For: STARTER HAVING PINION-ROTATION-RESTRICTING MEMBER FOR USE IN
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

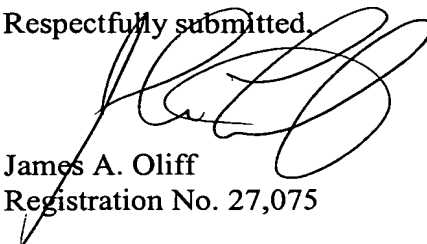
A personal interview was conducted on February 10, 2005 between Applicants' representative and Examiner Andrew Dolinar at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During the interview, the claims as submitted in the February 1 Amendment were reviewed in light of the applied reference JP 10-018950 to Araki. Upon review of the figures of Araki and the new claim language, the Examiner agreed that the claims distinguish over the applied reference. The Examiner also indicated that he believes that the submission of the

English-language translation of the priority document removes U.S. Patent Application

Publication 2004-0108727 as an applicable reference.

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